

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John W. McKinney Jr. of Washington County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Wesley McKinney, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKinney was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked diligently to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, John W. McKinney, Jr. served with acumen and alacrity as an educator, principal, and system superintendent for Washington County Schools, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Salem Presbyterian Church at Washington College Academy church, at which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was a man of immense character who was recognized and admired as a community leader for his contributions to the Washington County community and as someone who believed in the promise of our youth; and

WHEREAS, in his later years he returned to his love of science and biology by growing a variety of antique apple trees and grapevines; his orchard was so impressive, that it was recognized by a local news publication; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKinney was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, John enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-two years, Catherine Sue Belcher-McKinney, and was the proud parent of John Wesley McKinney III and Bart Isaac McKinney, M.D.; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his granddaughters, Samantha, Darcy, and Ashley, as well as a host of other family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, John W. McKinney, Jr. leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John W. McKinney, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. McKinney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.